

MEDIA, PA—Congressman Joe Sestak (PA-07) expresses his condolences on the passing of legendary Phillies announcer Harry Kalas, a constituent of the 7th Congressional District. Harry Kalas will be warmly remembered for his invaluable contributions to our national pastime of baseball, our community, and our nation.

“Harry Kalas gave voice to so many of our dreams on the baseball field,” said Congressman Sestak. “I spent the past 35 years of my life traveling all around the world, and nothing meant home to me as much as the Philadelphia Phillies on a summer afternoon and hearing Harry Kalas declare: ‘This one is outta here!’ Harry was a veteran, father, husband, and a friend that we’re all proud to know and love.”

Harry Kalas was born on March 26, 1936, in Naperville, Ill., and graduated from the University of Iowa 1959 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Speech, Radio, and Television. Immediately following graduation, he served in the United States Army for two years in Hawaii. He joined the Philadelphia Phillies broadcast team in 1971, calling their games for the past 38 years, including 26 years with his great friend and Hall of Famer Richie Ashburn. Harry Kalas called seven National League Championship Series and three World Series, and was the voice of the 2008 World Champion Phillies.

*Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of “Deep Blue,” the Navy’s anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the “Global War on Terrorism.” He served as President Clinton’s Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.*

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